

REMARKS

Currently claims 1-72 remain in the application. Claims 1, 3-8, 11-18, 20, 22, 25, 32, 41-45, 48, 51-61, 63, 65 and 66 have been amended for the purposes of clarification. Applicant believes no new matter has been added.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Office Action rejected Claims 1 to 74 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,519,825 to Naughton, et al. ("Naughton") in view of: (a) U.S. Patent No. 6,425,825 ("Sitrick") or U.S. Patent No. 6,121,978 ("Miler"); (b) U.S. Patent No. 6,589,117 to Moritome ("Moritome"). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Naughton

Naughton discloses an sprite animation method which includes sprite objects layered and one or more background sprites to generate full-motion animation. As stated in the Office Action, Naughton does not disclose a sprite being larger than a dimension of the display frame where, as described in the pending claims, part, and less than all, of the graphical image is displayed within the perimeter of the display frame at any one time. Further, Naughton does not describe a gaming device that includes an input mechanism for applying credits on the gaming device for the wager, and an output mechanism for cashing out credits on the gaming device.

Sitrick

Sitrick mentions sprites in one paragraph but does not provide significant detail. Sitrick does describe resizing and translating of a user image as noted by the Examiner. However, Examiner has not provided a teaching in Sitrick, that discloses a sprite being larger than a dimension of the display frame where, as described in the pending claims, part, and less than all, of the graphical image is displayed within the perimeter of the display frame at any one time. Further, Sitrick does not describe a gaming device that includes an input mechanism for applying credits on the gaming device for the wager, and an output mechanism for cashing out credits on the gaming device.

Miler

Referring to a graphical image having a dimension larger than a display frame dimension, the office action stated that "in an analogous image display device, Miler, teaches this feature as well (Col. 1, lines 1-33)." Upon Applicants' review of Miler, Applicants did not find any

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disclosure, teaching or suggestion of displaying an image having a size greater than a display frame. Column 1, lines 1-33 of Miler explains the need to scale or resize images, making them smaller or larger, in order to use different sized computer monitors. Miler discloses a method for processing image data in order to scale images to fit to a particular sized computer monitor. Miler does not disclose, teach or suggest displaying an image having a size greater than a display frame. Furthermore, Applicant submit that Miler teaches away from the displaying an image having a size greater than a display frame. The purpose of Miler is to adjust the size of an image to fit to the size of a computer monitor while reducing the distortion of the image. This purpose teaches away from causing the image to have a size greater than a display frame. Further, Miler does not describe a gaming device that includes an input mechanism for applying credits on the gaming device for the wager; and an output mechanism for cashing out credits on the gaming device.

Moritome

The Office Action States that "it is well know in the art to proved a wager {monetary input} in order to begin game play." The office action states that an analogous gaming device of Moritome teaches an arcade type game in which game play proceed upon input of a wager, referencing Fig. 1 and Fig. 10, S2. Moritome describes a arcade game for allowing a coin to be deposited. Nevertheless, Moritome does not wagering on games of chance and a gaming device that includes an input mechanism for applying credits on the gaming device for the wager; and an output mechanism for cashing out credits on the gaming device.

Combination of Naughton, Sitrick, Miler and Moritome

Applicant submits that the combination of Naughton, Sitrick, Miler and Moritome do not teach or suggest at least two limitations of the pending claims. First, the combination does not teach or suggest a sprite being larger than a dimension of the display frame where, as described in the pending claims, part, and less than all, of the graphical image is displayed within the perimeter of the display frame at any one time. Examiner has admitted that this limitation is not taught in Naughton and thus, Examiner has relied upon Sitrick or Miler to teach this limitation. However, Applicant respectfully submits that, for at least the reasons cited above, Sitrick or Miler, can not be said to teach or suggest a sprite being larger than a dimension of the display frame where, as described in the pending claims, part, and less than all, of the graphical image is displayed within the perimeter of the display frame at any one time. Further, Applicant respectfully submits that Miler teaches away from this limitation because the purpose of resizing in Miler is to fit an image within a computer monitor. Hence, the image will always be within the display frame. Second, the combination does not teach or suggest a gaming device that includes an input mechanism for applying credits on the gaming device for the wager; and an output

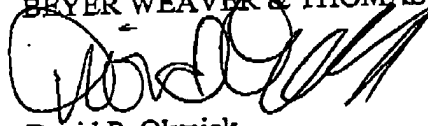
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mechanism for cashing out credits on the gaming device. Examiner relies upon Moritome to teach this limitation as wagering is not described in Naughton, Sitrick and Miler. Moritome, however, describes arcade type games and does not describe a gaming device that includes an input mechanism for applying credits on the gaming device for the wager, and an output mechanism for cashing out credits on the gaming device. Thus, the combination of Naughton, Sitrick, Miler and Moritome can't be said to teach or suggest this limitation. Therefore, for at least these reasons, the combination of Naughton, Sitrick, Miler and Moritome can't be said to render obvious the invention as recited in claims 1-72 and the rejection is believed overcome thereby.

Applicant believes that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

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